



TOPIC: TPA Request Application Readiness Group 3 Trading Partners Only

Purpose	The purpose of this application is to manage the process of electronically collecting Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) forms and pertinent information from Legal Entities and Network Providers who will be exchanging information with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) via Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) with the Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS). Those with a current TPA for electronic data exchange with the Integrated System (IS) and those who have never completed a TPA for data exchange with the IS must complete a TPA to initiate the credentialing process for electronic data exchange with the IBHIS.
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ With this “electronic” process, you will not submit paper forms. ➤ Contract Providers (CPs) will be able to download, sign, scan and upload their TPAs. ➤ CPs will be notified via emails regarding the submission and approval status of their respective TPAs. ➤ Instead of calling the Help Desk, CPs will be able to view their status throughout the credentialing process. ➤ DMH staff members will be able to track the status of EDI provisioning for all CPs.
Important Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TPA Request Application Link (ready for submissions on 01/21/14): http://lacdmh.lacounty.gov/hipaa/IBHIS_EDI_Certification.htm ➤ TPA and Digital Key Process Webinars: http://lacdmh.lacounty.gov/hipaa/IBHIS_EDI_Certification.htm
Message	The current TPA process for Integrated System (IS) is unaffected by this announcement. The TPA Request Application is ONLY for IBHIS TPA requests.